

**ABSTRACT**

A method for intelligent extraction of key-frames from a video that yields key-frames that  
5 depict meaningful content in the video. A method  
according to the present techniques includes  
selecting a set of candidate key-frames from among a  
series of video frames in a video by performing a set  
of analyses on each video frame. Each analysis is  
10 selected to detect a corresponding type of meaningful  
content in the video. The candidate key-frames are  
then arranged into a set of clusters and a key-frame  
is then selected from each cluster in response to its  
relative importance in terms of depicting meaningful  
15 content in the video.